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the famed Grand Canal, which is,  
next to the Great Wall, the noblest  
work of the Chinese. Pagodas are  
not common in China. You do not  
see one in every day of travel, so I re-  
member that one is on the lone moun-  
tain that dominates the approach to  
the city. The outside town, such as  
lies by every gate to every city, is a  
place where a painter could spend a  
year to better advantage than in  
most painters' resorts in southern  
Europe. Rows of white walls, heav-  
ily roofed with black tiles, face the  
water. The corners of all the roofs  
are turned up, and some have double  
corners. A few roofs, no less pictur-  
esque, are of gray thatch, and a few  
walls are black or gray or blue, or  
even dark red. Fancy the gorge-  
ousness of the scene, with the people  
crowding there in new blues and  
faded blues! Bamboo balconies push  
out to the water's edge, and carry  
idle women and men, in pretty  
clothes, looking at us. The open  
shops disclose workmen making  
shoes or coffins, or cooking the won-  
derful bean curd—foundation of a  
hundred dishes. As the heart of the  
place is reached it becomes pictur-  
esque beyond description. High  
stone walls shut in the water, and  
on these rise houses of white stuff,  
with cumbrous jet roofs, and the  
most ornate, the most fanciful win-  
dows, paneled with glossy inside scales  
of oyster shells. Stone steps lead  
down to the water, and each bears  
a woman washing clothes or rinsing  
laquered wooden pots. Sunflowers  
and pumpkin vines in bloom peep  
over the walls of the houses, and be-  
side the walls of the stream are  
innumerable boats, tied to carved  
dragons' heads, crabs, grotesque  
faces and pretty carvings of many  
sorts cut in the granite. At all the  
doorways are tall and often handsome  
men in long silk coats and slen-  
der breeches bound tight around  
their ankles. At the windows are  
the round faced, full lipped women.  
On and on we float. And presently  
we discover the long low walls of  
Quinsan, made ever famous by the  
valor of General Gordon. Under the  
interminable low walls of what we  
call Roman brick are plantations of  
sunflowers, and then more white and  
black houses. They face another  
jumble of boats of every fashion,  
from the stately cargo and chop  
boats to the rows of slender express  
boats, waiting, like omnibuses, for  
passengers for Soochow and Shang-  
hai. The dyers' shops hang out long  
strips of blue cloth; a bridge is  
draped with colored stuffs hung there  
to dry; an enormous vermilion ban-  
ner floats from a boat that, like hun-  
dreds beside, is orange toned beneath  
its sheen of Ning po varnish.

Utilizing the Earth's Central Heat.

One of the schemes for future en-  
gineers to work at, says an article in  
Current Literature, will be the sink-  
ing of a shaft 12,000 or 15,000 feet  
into the earth for the purpose of uti-  
lizing the central heat of the globe. It  
is said that such a depth is by no  
means impossible, with the improved  
machinery and advanced methods of  
the coming engineer. Water, at a  
temperature of 200 degrees centi-  
grade, which can, it is said, be ob-  
tained from these deep borings, would  
not only heat houses and public  
buildings, but would furnish power  
that could be utilized for many pur-  
poses. Hot water already at hand is  
necessarily much cheaper than that  
which must be taken when cold and  
brought up to the required tempera-  
ture. Once the shaft is sunk, all cost  
in the item of hot water ceases. The  
pipes, if good, will last indefi-  
nitely, and as nature's stokers never  
allow the fire to go out, there would  
come in the train of this arrange-  
ment many advantages. When, by  
sinking a shaft in the earth we can  
secure a perpetual heating apparat-  
us which we can regulate by the  
turning of a key, one trial of life will  
fade into nothingness.

A Horse Detective.

A Jersey story comes from Newark  
to the effect that Constable Brown,  
of Union, was brought to Newark  
the other day by a horse. This is thought  
to fix many thefts of farm produce  
and poultry in Union township on  
residents of Newark. The farmers  
have been patrolling the roads for  
weeks, and recently surprised two  
men with a horse and wagon. The  
men fled and were fired upon. That  
one of them was hit is known, as blood  
spots were found in the direction in  
which they fled. The horse was  
turned over to Brown. He harnessed  
the horse to a wagon and let him  
choose his own way. The animal  
started off at an easy trot, and when  
he reached Newark, instead of going  
down principal streets, he went  
around blocks and appeared to be  
perfectly familiar with each turn.  
He finally entered a stable yard.  
There it was learned that he had  
been boarding, and the owner of the  
stable gave a description of the man  
who owned the animal.

A Substitute.



Beggar—Thankee, sir.  
Stranger—Why, how is this? You  
thank me and your sign reads "Deaf  
and Dumb."  
Beggar—Oh, that's all right. I'm  
just takin' th' other fellow's place  
while he's gone to hear th' band play  
at the Park.